

Kentucky Arts License Plate

A specialty arts license plate is being sponsored by the Kentucky Foundation for the Arts to enhance the stability of Kentucky's arts organizations and to ensure that Kentuckians have access to the arts.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Kentucky Foundation for the Arts?

Pursuant to KRS 153.180:

The purpose of the foundation shall be to enhance the stability of Kentucky's arts organizations and to ensure Kentuckians have access to the arts.

Who benefits from the arts license plate?

In short, we all benefit! By purchasing an arts license plate, you're not just showing your support for the arts, you're making a direct contribution in support of the Commonwealth's arts organizations.

What is the process for creating the arts license plate?

We must collect 900 applications for arts license plates, each with a \$25 application fee, before the license plates will be produced. Once 900 applications have been collected, they will be forwarded to the Transportation Cabinet, at which time the checks will be cashed.

When can I expect to receive my arts plate?

Once the plates become available to the public, you can purchase yours at your county clerk's office.

What is the total cost of the arts plate?

The total initial cost for any Kentucky specialty license plate is \$44; the cost of renewal in subsequent years is \$31. The \$25 application fee is deducted from the cost of this initial run of arts license plates, with the remaining \$19 collected by your county clerk at the time the physical plate is purchased.

How much of the total cost will go to support the arts in Kentucky?

Of the total cost of initial purchase or subsequent renewal of an arts license plate, \$10 will go directly to support arts organizations in Kentucky!

Who designed the arts license plate?

The design for the plate is by Louisville artist Jeaneen Barnhart, who is known for work depicting richly textured equine themes. Barnhart has also completed print and poster commissions for the 2010 Woodford Reserve Kentucky Derby Bottle, the Kentucky Derby Festival, and the St. James Court Art Show, among others. You can learn more about her and her work at artsocool.com.